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RUSHED 'EM THROUGH

House Helped Itself Liberally to Committee Clerks in Fast Time—Junkets Occupy Some Attention—Beard's Resolution Is Tabled.

If the business of this session of the Legislature is not transacted with promptness this session it will not be on account of the lack of clerks to committees.

The House, as well as the Senate, has been generous to its committees in providing help, and the only exception to the general run of resolutions adopted yesterday, granting clerks, was one by Mr. Harvell, of Santa Rosa, for the Committee on Appropriations, which stated, "when the business of the committee demanded such service."

As in the Senate, these clerkship resolutions went through with a whoop, but unlike in the Senate, there was no protesting voice against having unnecessary clerks, and political debts were paid off in jig time.

No John Wall was present to cry against useless expenditure of public money, and nobody thought of trying to stop the clearing house that seemed organized for squaring political accounts.



ION L. FARRIS,
Representative from Duval, Who Introduced Anti-Child Labor Bill.

So everybody was happy, including the prospective clerks, who delighted in the express railroad service furnished for the resolutions.

The Judiciary and several other committees have not yet been provided with clerks, so that when they are the total will run above that of last session.

Adopting resolutions providing for junkets was also a feature of House session yesterday.

Laughable, indeed, was the effort made to adopt two having the same purpose and same intention—visiting the State Insane Asylum.

Why there should have been such an eagerness to visit the Asylum did not appear, but it must have been great from the effort made to get the second resolution through.

This, too, in spite of the report just made by the special commission of six, composed of the Governor, Comptroller, State Health Officer and two other citizens, and printed in the House Journal of Thursday.

Shortly after that report was received from the Governor Thursday, Mr. Paul, of Holmes, offered a resolution to visit the Asylum and it was immediately followed by a similar one from Mr. Thompson, of Jefferson.

When concurrent resolutions were considered yesterday, that of Mr. Paul, coming first, was adopted without objection. Mr. Thompson stood by his guns, however, and sought the adoption of his amendment. This action precipitated discussion, it not being clear to Mr. Willis, of Levy, and Mr. Knight, of Citrus, why two resolutions providing for two committees for the same purpose should be entertained.

The Speaker finally suggested, if it was the pleasure of the House, that the latter resolution could be adopted and the Senate could have its pick of the two.

This plan of pacification did not meet with the approval of Mr. Griggs, of Franklin, who moved that the resolution of Mr. Thompson be laid on the table, and there it found resting place.

Another trip that has been outlined in both House and Senate is that of a committee of five to visit the convict camps of the State. Why this should



Life-like pose of Jim Edwards during the strenuous times of electing attaches.

be necessary, in view of the system of State inspection, is not indicated. This resolution was adopted.

In a special message to the Legislature, Governor Broward asked that a joint committee be appointed to inspect the work of building dredges and digging canals in the vicinity of New River and to visit the Caloosahatchee River, and to report its findings to the Legislature.

The resolution providing for such a committee was adopted in the House yesterday, and it will consist of four members from that body and three from the Senate. An almost similar resolution was adopted in the Senate and certified to the House, the only difference being that the report be made to "this" Legislature, instead of "the," which the House accepted and adopted.

This will be an inspection of real worth, because it will put the Legislature in possession of knowledge of the



Besides Having His Own Load Mr. Pettigrew Had to Carry Mr. Dorman's Constitutional Convention Resolution Until the Journal Could Be Corrected.

drainage project gained from members from its ranks and of its own choosing. The information thus secured will be of the utmost value to the Legislature in preparing it for action on the matter in question.

Drainage work and conditions pertaining thereto, and suggestion of improvement for the Caloosahatchee are matters on which legislation is expected, and in furtherance of it the trip of the committee, when reported, will furnish a basis for proper treatment of these subjects.

When the House Concurrent Resolution No. 1 was called up in the House yesterday, Mr. Dorman asked that it go over, and consent was given. This is the resolution by Mr. Carter, providing for the investigation of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, over which there was debate Thursday, and which appears to be favored by the majority.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1, on the same subject, the offspring of Senator Beard, was taken up, and Mr.



How it looked to Artist Carroll at the station when he arrived.

AGAIN HE IS LIBELED

Times-Union Slanders the Governor Once More and a Second Suit Will Be Brought—Maliciousness of T.-U.—Governor's Statement.

Governor Broward stated to THE SUN last night that he would enter a second suit against the Jacksonville Times-Union for libel, based upon its publication yesterday that he supported Ferguson, a negro, for the office of City Councilman in Jacksonville against a white man.

The first suit for libel was filed the first of the week against the Florida Publishing Company, which publishes the Times-Union, for \$50,000 damages, the libel is alleged to have been committed during the campaign of last year for the ratification of the drainage amendment to the Constitution. The Times-Union reproduces from the Florida, an obscure sheet published in Jacksonville, a most foul denunciation of the Governor. This publication and others are cited in the complaint, which is filed in Leon County Circuit Court, returnable to the May term.

The editorial allusion in yesterday's issue of the Times-Union, upon which the Governor will enter his second suit, is this:

"President Roosevelt has by turns represented all phases of opinion from free trade to imperialism, and from mugwumpery to fellowship with the Stalwarts. So N. J. Broward supported Ferguson against T. V. Cashen, while Gov. Broward advocates driving out the negro and settling him on some foreign shore. How long before he will swing back to his old moorings?"

THE SUN requested a statement from the Governor, which he gave, saying:



As it looked during the campaign for Page—Swamped, promising to vote for each candidate.

"In an election held to elect City Councilmen in the Second Ward there were three white men running for City Councilman and one negro. Only two of the number could be elected. It was conceded that the white Republican would be elected, as the ward was largely Republican. And in that election I voted for W. H. McCurdy, a white Democrat; and for no other one of the candidates did I vote, as the other white Democrat running had led a negro torch light procession some years before from Flynn's store to Metropolitan Hall on Bay street in opposition to me as a candidate for sheriff and I did not vote for HIM."

"Will you take any notice of this publication in the Times-Union?"

"Yes," replied the Governor, "I will sue that paper for libel."

"Do you mean that you will file a second suit?"

"Yes."



"Senatorial Courtesy."

Wilson, of Hernando, moved to lay it on the table, which prevailed.

Thirty-six bills were introduced Friday.

Among them, one by Mr. Matthews, of Marion, to abolish the office of County Treasurer.

Other important bills were: By Mr. Carter—To provide for an Assistant Attorney General.

By Mr. Baggett—To fix a penalty on telegraph companies for non-delivery of messages; also to fix a penalty on telegraph companies for refusal to accept messages when money is tendered for same.

By Mr. Keess—To prescribe methods of issuing permits to sell liquor; also relating to actions and claims for death caused by negligence; also relative to the Landlord and Tenant Act, and time for taking appeal in such cases.

By Mr. Wilson, of Lee—To authorize the I. I. Trustees to construct a lock or dam across the Lake Hickpochee canal.

By Mr. Warraman—Requiring railroads and common carriers to separate race.

By Mr. Matthews, of Marion—To prohibit the giving of rebates by common carriers or their employees; also to regulate lobbying and provide punishment for same.

The haste to pass bills was again shown yesterday when the bill making appropriation for the traveling expenses of the State Auditor was taken up. Mr. Willis, of Levy, could see no reason for railroad the bill and thought such quick legislation was undesirable.

Some debate occurred, Mr. Griggs explaining that no appropriation had been made to carry out the law and that it was impossible to state a fixed amount.

Explanations made, the rules were waived and the bill was passed.

The House adjourned soon after noon to meet Monday at 10 a. m.

INCREASES THE SALARY

Of Attorney General and Gives An Assistant, Does Bill Introduced in Senate Bill to Increase Salaries of Other Cabinet Officers Will Come in Monday.

Short was the session of the Senate yesterday, those who had refused to agree to the over-Sunday adjournment Thursday, evidently considering that they had done their full duty in remaining a brief time yesterday, and the others wanted to go, so with this feeling, adjournment was ordered until 3:30 p. m. Monday.

Time was found, however, to introduce thirteen bills and several resolutions, including two giving clerks to committees—Committees on Fisheries and on Claims.

Senator Adams, the previous day, had offered a resolution giving the Secretary an assistant, but being assured yesterday that assistance was not needed, he withdrew the motion.

Two bills were passed, both from the House; one amending the charter of Pensacola and the other to legalize a bond issue of Leesburg.

The Concurrent Resolution, relative to the appointment of a special com-



PARK TRAMMELL,
Senator from Seventh District, Proposer against useless clerk hire by the Senate.

mittee to visit the scene of the drainage work and the Caloosahatchee in accordance with the request made in the special message of the Governor, was adopted.

Among the bills offered were: By Senator Clark—Providing an assistant Attorney General and stating duties of the office.

This bill fixes the salary of the Assistant Attorney General at \$3,000 per annum and increases the salary of the Attorney General to \$3,500 per annum. Under the provisions of this bill the office of the Attorney General does the legal work for all State boards, including the Railroad Commission and the Board of I. I. Trustees, thus cutting off the employment of special counsel, as is the case at present.

In connection with this increase of salary to the Attorney General a bill will be introduced Monday raising the salary of the other Cabinet officers to \$2,500 per annum, providing also, that they shall receive no other compensation from the State.

By Senator Adams—A Joint Resolution to memorialize Congress for a survey of the Suwannee River and appropriation to make it navigable.

By Senator Harris—To prohibit employment of minors under certain ages in shops, factories, mines or quarries, etc.

H. C. McRae, who had been elected doorkeeper of the Senate, and had been unable to arrive before, was present yesterday and was sworn in. Senator Hudson administering the oath.

DR. J. B. PRUITT ARRIVES.

Dr. J. B. Pruitt, of Maryland, the new pastor of the First Baptist church of this city, has arrived and will preach at the regular morning and evening hours, Sunday, April 7.

Dr. Pruitt is a graduate of Wake Forest College, North Carolina, and also of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. While in Louisville he was assistant to Dr. T. T. Eaton, pastor of a church of more than 1,800 members.

Dr. Pruitt has an interesting family, and his wife has a most excellent soprano voice. These good people will receive a hearty welcome to Tallahassee.



The haughty and wealthy coon and his lonely hack, as it seemed to Artist Carroll.

A CORRECTION.

THE SUN is always ready to correct an error of its making or to amend a statement that may be unjust, and, therefore, as the facts were not exactly as printed in the article of Wednesday morning, when reference was made to the missing Senate bill the revision is here given.

THE SUN was informed that it was Senate Bill No. 4 that was missing, whereas that bill had not been out of the possession of the Bill Secretary. Instead, it was Senate Bill No. 3, which had been introduced by Senator Baker, and afterward withdrawn by him. Having done this, the Senator got the bill from the Bill Secretary, and when it was needed to make up the record of the Journal, it was found necessary to get it back for a short time until the record could be completed. From this circumstance arose the confusion, and THE SUN was misinformed, printing the incident, without intent, however, to reflect on the Bill Secretary.



Detweiler Heard that Fish Bills would be introduced.